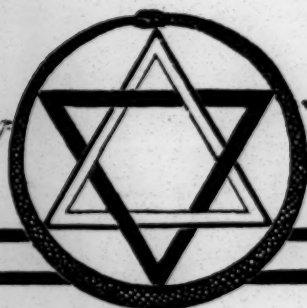




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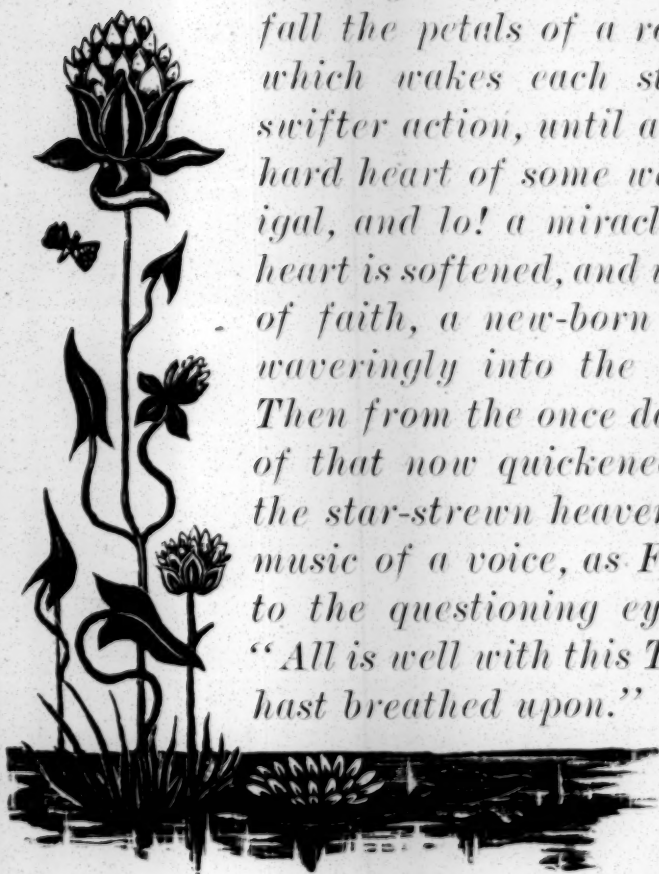
Behold, I give



unto thee a key.

THE ANSWER

God breathes! and through the universes vast, past primordial suns of space and all the vaults between, down to the thrones of one dark star where reign the kings God set upon those thrones, down the high-sprung arches of the Milky Way, that pathway of the gods, falls that breath as softly as fall the petals of a rose, yet with power which wakes each star, each world to swifter action, until at last it touches the hard heart of some well-nigh spent prodigal, and lo! a miracle! The once hard heart is softened, and with undimmed eyes of faith, a new-born soul looks up unwaveringly into the very face of God. Then from the once dark, Hadean depths of that now quickened soul, up through the star-strewn heavens, softly floats the music of a voice, as Faith makes answer to the questioning eyes of God, saying, "All is well with this Thy son whom Thou hast breathed upon."



FROM THE MOUNTAIN TOP.

WATCH.

Watch ye for the hour of Kings, nor dream their day is over lest ye, too, be swept by a wave of autocracy such as man has never yet known the power—short lived though that power may be.

Nov. 1, 1918.

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NOTE—In the sense in which the word Kings is used in the above message it applies to all who will be given autocratic power over nations or peoples in the immediate future, as well as those who will retain such power as is already theirs.

According to many prophecies given by the Master Hilarian, the most critical period of the present cycle is now imminent.

If the people of any nation make an unwise or selfish choice in the one they place in supreme authority over them that nation will become an object of pity for the rest of the world. The rapid increase in the rates of vibration in all fields of life in the present era will not allow for mistakes. Action and reaction will follow each other far more swiftly as the present cycle is nearing its close, and "the hour of Kings" referred to by the Master will be the short interval between the present,—the hour of selection, and the hour of seating those selected upon thrones of power.

B. S.

 PURITY.

Purity, O, Purity!
 Holy tocsin of the free,
 Battle cry of race to be,
 Armageddon's call to me
 For the race Gethsemane.
 Lust and hate must ever be
 Crushed from hearts that are to see
 God and Christ in Love's decree;
 Lower self must find in thee
 Higher life, love, charity.

Purity, O, Purity!
 Narrow way revealed by thee,
 Lower mind must yield to thee
 It must say: "Divine Decree,
 Holy Law, is all to me,"
 Just as in Gethsemane.
 Lower self in unity
 With the Law is ever free,
 Above all lust and enmity,
 Born again in chastity.

Purity, O, Purity!
Thou the rock of Church to be;
Thou the Goal, the Sesame,—
Call to all, who follow thee,
Sons of light and liberty,
Men of might and mastery,
Women strong in verity,
Daughters pure, with potency;
Call them *all*, to win for thee
Life's sweet crown of Victory.

Purity, O, Purity!
Banner bright, thou art to be,
Of the city yet to be.
City white, pure, type of thee,
Thou the symbol of the three,
Open thou the Gate to me;
Show to all, the healing Tree,
Raising all humanity,
Thou the Might and Potency,—
Thou the Light eternally.

—A MYSTIC.

THE FIRST TEMPLE.

Come into the open, the great outdoors, Nature's vast Temple, whose roof is the sky. Mighty trees are its pillars; for windows the unnumbered flashing stars. Golden sunrise, glowing sunsets, and autumn leaves decorate with bewildering beauty.

Be still and listen to the grand organ as the surf breaks upon a thousand shores, and the mountain pines sway their high tops in the gusts of heaven. All the birds are pouring forth rapturous anthems. And the hum of insect legions swells the harmony like countless far-away stringed instruments.

And we shall breathe the sweet incense of flowers. God's searching cleansing winds shall blow upon our faces. Vibrations from a million suns shall vitalize and stir the Divinity within us. All that we can contribute is our appreciation of the wonderful intelligence and the marvelous love that is behind all of these manifestations.

Come all people into the Temple. The gates are open wide.

A. W. NEALE.

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EDITORIAL MIRROR.

History will hark back to 1918 as the turning point in civilization—turning from the downward to the upward arc of the cycle of human evolution in all that pertains to the essential solidarity of the human race.



The Great War now terminated has transmuted karmic actions of untold ages past, thus clearing the air for the New Order.



The epidemic of so-called Spanish Influenza, still raging, is also a karmic effect of the past called into action by the warring forces, and when the world toll is counted probably will have carried off as many as were killed in the battles.



A recent convocation of medical men held at Chicago decided that this epidemic of influenza was not influenza at all, as was first thought, but is a brand new disease which for want of a better name they designated as Disease X.



This Disease X is undoubtedly simply a karmic reflex on physical matter acting from within the lower mental and karmic sphere of humanity. In other words a repercussion on the physical plane of the world-hate and passion energized as a result of the race hatreds generated by the world war. Back of this of course is still the antecedent karmic cause going back into the centuries.



As the causes of wars are largely psychological, so the spread of this Disease X is largely psychological. The subtle elements of fear, worry and apprehension may reduce very quickly the vital resisting power of the blood and let in an unbalanced condition—disease—that otherwise would not manifest. So the banishment of fear is the first requisite in gaining immunity from the so-called Disease X or similar conditions.

In the year 1918 great karmic accounts were settled. This year has seen three of the most powerful and despotic governments on the earth toppled over and the force of true liberty struggling for expression in those three countries.



It requires no occult prevision to predict that profound reactions will result in consequence. It is the law of the pendulum. It always swings back and goes nearly as far in the opposite direction, being unable by the law of forces, to stop at the middle point or path at once.



The revolution in France of over a hundred years ago illustrated this, and we now see the same forces acting in Russia, Germany and Austria. There must be a swinging to and fro, but finally the pendulum will stop at the middle point and a stable democracy result allowing expression of what is best in the peoples of these countries.



A writer in a recent editorial of the *Saturday Evening Post* pungently defined this law of extremes when he said: "Autocracy is government by the worst elements at the top; Bolshevism is government by the worst elements at the bottom. They differ in that autocracy is organized hell and Bolshevism is hell let loose. Neither can stand up long before Democracy."



All signs seem to indicate that a League of Nations will be formed and that the first step in the formation of a Universal World Democracy will be taken some time in 1919. If this step is taken, it will be a long stride toward the Golden Age and a practical Brotherhood of all Humanity.



Professor Gilbert Murray of Oxford University sums up this matter with great directness in the following words: "Without a League of Nations, we cannot agree. And we must agree, because if we do not agree WE PERISH."

W. H. D.

A COMMUNICATION TO TEMPLARS.*

You have asked me what of the twenty years, the two decades which have passed since I came to you. Each one of those years and days and hours has been a testing stone of fealty, faith, and love

to and for human kind and to and for each other first of all, upon which each Templar has stood, having heard and answered the call sent forth by the Great White Lodge—the call to its own to gather themselves together against a fast coming day of need.

With the opening of the third ten year cycle you are hearing the joy bells, the cries of victory and rejoicing over a peace which, alas, is no peace.

Your thoughts hark back to a day when throughout the world there fell the sound of a tocsin straight from hell, a day when father from son, brother from brother parted in hatred and met but to slay each other; and you comfort yourselves with the thought that the sound has been stilled, the demon of hatred been conquered, and the long struggle ended. But, my children, the greater struggle has only just begun.

Not yet will mankind as a whole accept the olive branch held in the hand of the Angel guest who flew over the world in its quest for a place to plant its feet upon while it gave the message from God to man. Those feet were stained with blood as the Angel flew aloft, its quest unfulfilled, for they had walked upon rivers of blood and upon blood-drenched earth. The drops which fell from those feet called loudly for vengeance, and today far louder is heard that call than is heard the message the Angels ever bear to man, "On earth peace, good will toward men."

Think not that this land upon which you now tread in safety is to escape that call for vengeance.

"Vengeance is mine," saith the great Lord God. The vengeance of God in this instance is but another name for the final effects of a single cause. The cause is of long standing, and the effect is near at hand.

But woe betide any disciple of the Great White Lodge who sets fire to the refuse heaped up as a result of the ignorance of his brother man, and thus starts the conflagration which is to come. Not his should be the hand to perform this task, lest countless of his lives to come be passed in like ignorance, for he could not perform this act in ignorance of the inevitable results. He who sheddeth his *brother's* blood, by his brother will his own blood be shed.

For good as well as for ill, this third cycle will present opportunities for the human race immeasurably vaster than any save one which has preceded it; and such opportunities will be correlated in ways which will render them far more effective than would ever have been possible if presented singly. But as to you who, twenty

years ago, were presented with an opportunity which, from a spiritual standpoint, far exceeds in value all those to come, from you will be exacted the equivalent for failure, if you fail to take advantage of that opportunity to the extent of your power.

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MAGNETIC PERSONALITIES.

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That the electricity generated to create a flow of magnetism may increase that flow to any desirable extent is dependent upon the number of turns the conducting wire is wound around the magnet. This fact should give the clue to the investigator who is striving to find the cause for the great difference between the flow of magnetic force from one person and a corresponding flow from another; in other words why one has a strong magnetic personality and another a very weak one, and still another seems to be entirely devoid of all magnetism. It also indicates why one person can strongly influence another by concentrated thought and another person's thoughts seem devoid of all results.

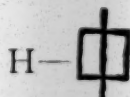
The spine as well as the brain is a tremendously strong magnet, and the nerve fibres correspond to the wires which carry a current of electricity from one point to another, but they only correspond because they mark the invisible lines in the organ through which the currents flow. The higher degrees of magnetism are not dependent upon any exterior form of matter for transmission although the energy must flow in definite currents or lines, from one pole to the other of the magnet.

The interesting point of the correspondences lies in the fact that as the intensity of the energy in the first instance depends upon the number of times the wire is wound about the magnet, in the second instance the intensity of the magnetic force in the body of man depends upon the tenseness of the spiral flow of force as it passes upward through the spinal cord, crosses at the cerebellum and flows in a double loop around the two halves of the brain. It then passes down the spine, contacting all the nerve centers on either side of the spine, thus conveying to the latter the necessary impulses sent out from the convolutions of the brain, and distributing those impulses to the different plexi of nerves, muscles, and organs of the body.

It will one day be found that before wireless telegraphy and telephony can be brought to a highly satisfactory degree of perfection provision must be made for sending the electrical energy forth in a spiral instead of a straight current. It would not be found so easy to intercept a current if this were done.

Just as man found it necessary to use wires in the conducting of energy, nature long before discovered a similar necessity in sending the lower forms of life force, which now travel through the substance of the nerves.

In a strong magnetic personality the magnetic currents flow in a close spiral about the spinal cord, each spiral almost meeting the preceding one. In a weak personality the spirals are far apart, corresponding to a loosely wound cord on a rounded stick; and as a wire wound around a magnet must be insulated to prevent the electric current from escaping so the invisible lines, which are only marked by the nerves, are furnished with insulation to prevent the escape of the finer forces—protection which unconsciously to the individual is supplied by the emanations of the nervous fluid. But like every other good thing, a strong magnetic personality is a karmic result. It is the result of unselfish devotion to humanity in other lives and the sending forth of kind, loving thoughts into the world of things and people, which increases the vibrations of the whole Auric sphere and tightens all loosely constructed lines of life therein.



CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

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CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S.

Children know all about Christmas and New Year's. Of course they do! It is the time when people have Christmas trees with pretty things on them and all lit up at night. And at Christmas time the children are given lots of gifts and toys and candies. And then there is the big Christmas dinner for some of them and so at Christmas time they just have a good time. And New Year's? Why that is the time when you get up early in the morning and say "Happy New Year" to your father and mother and sister and brother and all your friends and try to say it first. That is just what Christmas and New Year's is, as everybody ought to know!

Well—so it is, Children, all of this and some more besides. There must be a reason for Christmas and New Year's as there is

reason for the tree with its leaves and branches and fruit. There must be the seed from which the tree grew. So there must have been a seed from which the idea of Christmas and New Year's grew.

The reason for the New Year is because the earth revolves around the sun once in every year of 365 days. Each time it starts over again it begins a new year. As you know, the year is divided into twelve months according to the calendar. The months on the calendar are divided up into 30 or 31 days each, except February, which has 28 days until Leap Year, when it has 29 days in order to get in the full 365 days. This calendar is called the Julian calendar sometimes because a Roman Emperor, over a thousand years ago who ruled the whole world had at that time, divided up the 365 days of a year in that way, and even up to this day some of the months still bear the names of gods whom the Romans worshiped or the names of some of the Roman Emperors as, for instance, JANUARY after the god JANUS, and MARCH after the god of war called MARS. JULY was named after the Emperor Julius Cæsar, who made up the calendar. Also AUGUST (Augustus), which was also a name borne by the Roman Emperors for a long time. Also JUNE after the goddess JUNO. So you see just one man who lived over a thousand years ago fixed up the calendar we use today according to his idea of what it should be and even named the months.

Perhaps if you and I had the matter to attend to, we would have done it differently. For instance, we might have said let us have *thirteen* months instead of *twelve*. Thirteen months of just 28 days each. But why twenty-eight days? Well, just because it seems quite natural, as it takes just twenty-eight days for the moon to go once around the earth. But we would have to have one of the months 29 days to get in the full 365 days, so we could say, we will make the last or thirteenth month have 29 days and every four years would still be Leap Year and the thirteenth month would then have 30 days. Now this is just to pretend that we have fixed up the calendar our own way—but some time, who knows? *it might be changed that way.*

And Christmas? What is the seed thought back of that day? Why does it come when the days are so cold and the nights so dark and long? June 21 is the very longest day of the year and after that the sun gets farther and farther away until it is the farthest on December 21, which is the shortest day of the year and the longest night. Now the saying is that it is never so dark as just before

the dawn and so the days begin to lengthen right after the 21st of December and more and more Light keeps coming into the world and on the earth. So Christmas is just naturally a time for rejoicing because the Light begins to return to the people of earth. This is *one* reason for Christmas—a part of the seed thought, and then there is another. It is because the Christ was born on Christmas Day. It was natural for the Christ to be born right after the darkest time, for He came to give the light and the truth, and His love to the world. The coming of the Christ on December 25 right after the longest night is a symbol and a sign that when things look the worst and we feel the worst and everything is darkest—if we will but *wait* and be *patient* the *Christ will be born* to help the world or help us. In other words, new light, life and love will come to us at the most unexpected time, just as the sun returns and brings new light to the earth at Christmas time, which is the real reason why Christmas *must come in December*. Thus it is fitting to exchange gifts on this day, showing our gratitude for the Light that has come and for the Christ that has been born into our own hearts or into the world. And so the Three Wise Men come to offer gifts. These three wise men are Love, Wisdom and Power, and when these three go together they *always know* where the Light—the Christ is, and offer their best gifts to Him. The lesson in all this is for us all to know that after we suffer afflictions and trouble and distress and hardships of all kinds; after we go through the time of greatest darkness if we but keep sweet and loving, the Christ will be born in our own hearts and souls and the Three Wise Men—Love, Wisdom and Power, will come to us with all their treasures of Life.

TEMPLE ACTIVITIES AND NOTICES.

Owing to the mislaying of the manuscript of the article on the "Separation of Sex" in the November issue of THE TEMPLE ARTISAN we have been obliged to defer the publication of the second installment until the January issue, when it will be concluded.

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George Harrison of Stanford University was at his Halcyon home for the Holidays. This younger brother looked well in his military garb, but as he has been honorably discharged, he will now return to his academic vocations.

Miss Florence Kent, who is attending the Castilleja School at Palo Alto, was also at home for the Holidays.

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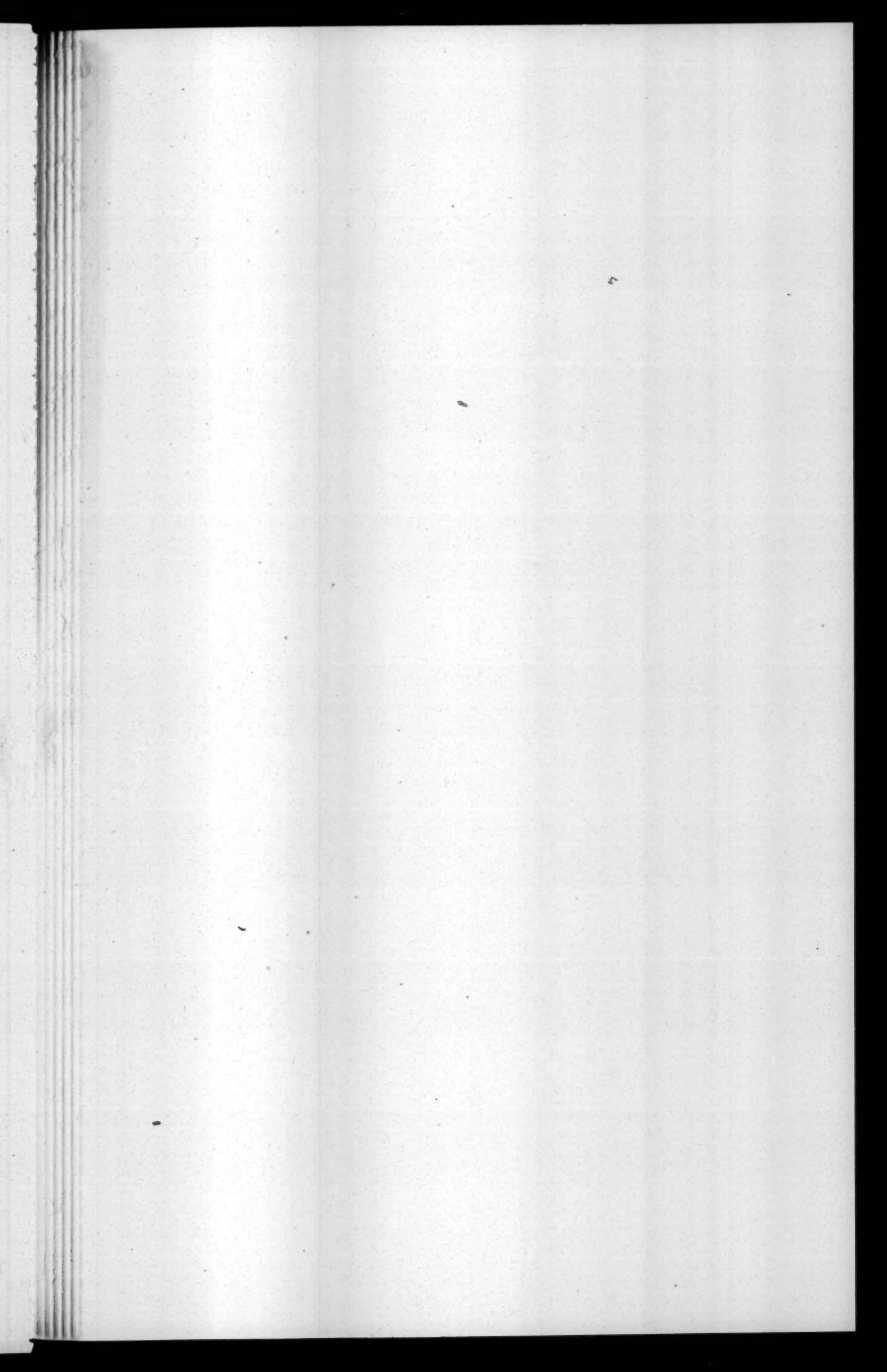
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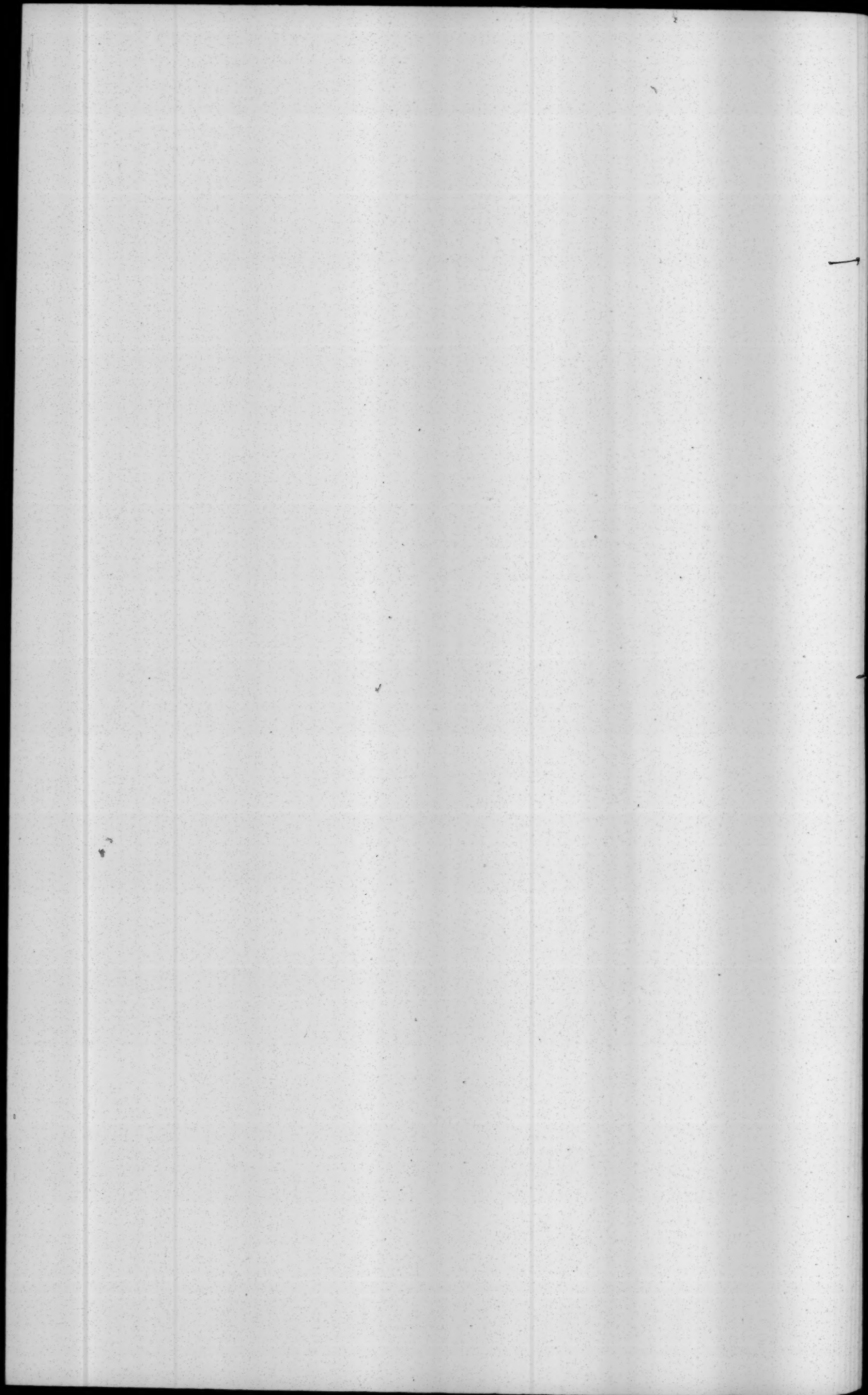
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